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TAGS: SHUM, UY, SP
SUBJECT: INQUIRY CONCERNING ALLEGED POLITICAL PRISONER JOSE
LUIS ALVAREZ DEL MONTE

REFS: (A) MADRID 08961 (B) MONTEVIDEO 2652 (C) STATE 203854

1. SPANISH CONSUL GENERAL JABALA HAS INFORMED US THAT JOSE
LUIS ALVAREZ DEL MONTE WAS ARRESTED BY GOU SECURITY FORCES
ON 24 JUNE 1972, WAS SENTENCED, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
MILITARY PENAL CODE USED TO PROSECUTE ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES,
TO NINE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE
ORGANIZATION AND IS CURRENTLY CONFINED IN LIBERTAD PRISON,
A RELATIVELY MODERN AND HUMANE FACILITY.

2. JABALA FURTHER STATED THAT ALVAREZ DEL MONTE HAD LOST
HIS SPANISH CITIZENSHIP SOME YEARS AGO WHEN HE
VOLUNTARILY ASSUMED URUGUAYAN CITIZENSHIP, AND THAT THE
SPANISH HAVE NEITHER CONSULAR RIGHTS NOR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD
HIM. NEVERTHELESS, ON JULY 14 THE SPANISH EMBASSY SENT A
FORMAL NOTE TO THE URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING
VISITATION RIGHTS. THE NOTE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED, BUT THE
SPANISH ANTICIPATE A NEGATIVE REPLY.

3. COMMENT: BY EXPRESSING INTEREST AND REQUESTING VISITATION
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RIGHTS, THE SPANISH EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED THE PATTERN SET BY
OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS-SENSITIVE EMBASSIES IN MONTEVIDEO. IN
THESE SITUATIONS, LITTLE CAN BE DONE BEYOND THE REGULAR
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT A PRISONER'S WELFARE AND LEGAL
STATUS. THE SPANISH EMBASSY IS ACTIVELY FULFILLING ITS
CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ITS SPANISH CITIZEN PRISONERS AND
HAS DEVELOPED A POSITIVE RAPPORT WITH THE GOU ON THEIR

BEHALF.

4. WE HAVE INCLUDED NAME OF ALVAREZ DEL MONTE ON OUR LATEST
LIST BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE INFORMATION OFFICE
(OCIP).
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